

Civil War

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DUXBURY'S PART IN THE CIVIL WAR

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During the Civil War, Duxbury provided soldiers, while the older folks on the home front contributed services. Women met in churches to scrape lint and roll bandages, make havelocks and flannel shirts, write letters and send gift packages to the soldiers.

On Fort Hill (at the end of Fort Hill Lane) the Home Guard of men past 45 met for a weekly drill. Horace Sampson was captain of the boys' company who drilled at the fort.

According to Jerusha Hathaway, "These were the days of household economy and high prices on everything - of carrot coffee for breakfast and dried apples instead of citron in the cake for tea, of the coarsest of shoddy for men's clothing, and light weight calico for women at 25 cents per yard. The stirring war-songs reached our ears and everybody sang or whistled "The Red, White and Bue," "Battle Cry of Freedom," "Glory, Hallelujah," "We're Coming, Father Abraham," and many others.

"Although so far from the scene of conflict, the Duxbury people felt, with the whole

country, the shadow of the black cloud which hid the horror of the 4 years' struggle, until the end came with the return of the

veterans and the sad April day, when the church bells tolled to say that Abraham Lincoln was dead."
